**Magic Treehouse: Vacation Under the Volcano**

**Class Activity: Knowing Fact, Fiction, and Fantasy**

Each Magic Treehouse book has elements of non-fiction and a bit of fantasy interwoven into the fictional story. Use the table below to create a student friendly definition of each term. Then provide three examples of each from your book, *Magic Treehouse: Vacation Under the Volcano*.

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| **Non-Fiction (Fact)** | **Realistic Fiction** | **Fantasy** |
| Define: | Define: | Define: |
| **EXPLAIN** | | |
| Example 1: |  |  |
| Example 2: |  |  |
| Example 3: |  |  |

Pretend that you are talking to a class of third graders. Write a short teacher think-aloud for how you would help your students understand the difference between a story event that is fictional and one that is fantastic. Draft your think-aloud on the back of this sheet. Refer to particular events from the story in your examples.